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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV IN  
SUBJ: POSSIBLE INDIAN VISITS

1. DURING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, V. SHANKAR AND FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA, THERE WAS A REFERENCE TO VISITS TO WASHINGTON BY BOTH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE PRIME MINISTER. MEHTA TOLD THE DEPUTY SECRETARY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 2, WHEN THERE WERE GANDHI MEMORIAL MEETINGS THERE. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SECRETARY VANCE IN WASHINGTON. (THE FOREIGN SECRETARY TOLD THE EMBASSY SEPARATELY THAT VAJPAYEE EXPECTED TO BE IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 29 AND OCTOBER 3, WHEN HE MUST RETURN TO NEW YORK FOR HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 4.) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE MOST WELCOME IN PRINCIPLE BUT NOTED THAT THIS WAS A VERY CONGESTED PERIOD CONSIDERING THE UNGA SESSION AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE EXPIRATION OF SALT MAY CAUSE INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS AT THAT TIME.

2. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY THEN RAISED THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER. SHANKAR SAID THAT  
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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT BECAUSE OF THE PARLIAMENT SESSION AND JANUARY WAS CROWDED BECAUSE OF A VISIT OF THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER EARLY IN THE MONTH AND REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS LATER. THAT LEAVES EITHER THE FALL OF THIS YEAR OR EARLY SPRING OF NEXT.  
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